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J. Schofield to Head Cavalcade to Calgary

CROSSFIELD. — Under the chairmanship of Mr. J. Schofield, the Crossfield and district branch of the Canadian Red Cross Society will sponsor a cavalcade tour of the Red Cross Buildings in Calgary.

The tour, which will also include the new Red Cross Crippled Children's Hospital and the Calgary Red Cross House and Blood Transfusion Depot, will make it possible for the residents of this district to see at first hand the work that is being done for the crippled children in this province.

The present Crippled Children's Hospital will be one of the highlights of the tour. Here, those attending will be able to see the children in the midst of their very busy daily schedule. They will see the children while they are at school, while they are engaged in their development exercises and while they are working at their various arts and crafts hobbies.

The work done in the hospital will captivate the interest of all who take advantage of this opportunity.

The tour will be held on June 28, all those having space to spare in their cars are requested to contact Mr. Schofield or any of the members of the executive. It is hoped that everyone will be able to see these little children.

The tour will form up in the C.P.R. grounds, Crossfield, at 8:30 a.m.

Boys Recondition Church Altar Table

CROSSFIELD.—The Intermediate group of SS Boys, under the leadership of Const. Mansell, are to be congratulated on the wonderful job they accomplished when reconditioning the United Church altar table which was dedicated on Sunday last at the evening service as a communion table.

The Crossfield High School report a wonderful picnic at Bowness on Friday, June 16, when half a dozen carloads of students set off at 1 p.m. with the proverbial picnic hampers.

PROCLAMATION

Village of Crossfield

The Crossfield and District Red Cross Branch has organized an Auto-Caravan Picnic to take place on Wednesday, June 28, and I hereby declare that day to be a Civic Holiday and all good citizens are invited to close their places of business and take part in this project.

By Order

W. A. HURT, Mayor.

GOD SAVE THE KING

Forest Fires Plague Alberta



Still early in the fire-menaced season of summer, forest fires are already plaguing northern Alberta. Light rainfall has aided fire fighters in some instances. Here men are shown fighting a fire near Lac La Biche. It is the duty of those travelling in recreation areas to exhibit extreme care in extinguishing camp fires and cigarette butts.

NO BLAME IS ATTACHED IN RECENT TRAIN FATALITY

CROSSFIELD.—No blame was attached to any person by a coroner's jury at an inquest Tuesday afternoon following into the death of Mrs. Christina Hopper, 63, of Crossfield.

Mrs. Hopper came to her death at approximately 9:11 a.m. June 5, when struck by the C.P.R.'s north-bound "Eskimo" passenger train at a crossing south of the Crossfield station.

According to evidence of several Crossfield residents the woman was very deaf and had apparently failed to hear the train coming. Expressman J. K. C. McAnnally, of Crossfield, testified that he had seen Mrs. Hopper walk over the crossing into the path of the engine. Mr. McAnnally told the jury that although the engine whistle was blowing the woman never looked up nor did she give any indication she knew the train was coming.

Did Not See Woman

Engineer William J. Shields, 1211 15th Ave. W. Calgary, said that he had not seen the woman at all and knew of the accident only when told by the fireman, Thomas Howe, 2520 16th St. E., Calgary. The engineer estimated the speed of the train to be about 30 miles per hour and said that the whistle was blowing and the bell ringing at the time. The "Eskimo," he said, does not stop at Crossfield.

Fireman Howe saw the woman as she approached the tracks but said in his evidence that he presumed she would stop. However, she had failed to stop and stepped onto the track and was struck by the corner of the engine and hurled to the station platform. Nothing, in his opinion, could have been done to prevent the accident, the fireman declared.

Death Instantaneous

Pathologist who performed the autopsy, Dr. R. C. Riley, told the jury that the body of deceased had been severely broken up. Nearly every bone in the body and skull had been fractured by the blow. Cause of death, believed to be instantaneous, was given as laceration of the brain and a ruptured heart.

Coroner Dr. George R. Johnston presided over the inquest. Members of the jury were: J. J. Weaver, foreman; Edward Hall, Hugh Malcolm, G. P. Clark, C. W. Blackstaffe, and W. W. Gaskarth.

S. Willis Named Crossfield Auditor

CROSSFIELD.—At the regular monthly meeting of the village council a building permit was granted to P. A. Kimmitt to bring a dwelling in from the country and set on a full basement on lots 13-14, block 5.

The secretary was instructed to write for more information on the matter of spraying for insect control.

It was agreed that a fence should be erected at the rear of the Community hall to prevent cars driving into the park.

S. Willis was appointed auditor for 1950, and W. R. Gilson was appointed village constable, his duties to commence as soon as he was sworn in. Permission was granted to the local justice of the peace to use the village office as a court room when necessary.

The mayor declared that June 28 should be a civic holiday to allow everyone to attend the Red Cross Auto-Caravan picnic to be held on that date.

Tax notices had been mailed and a discount would be allowed on all current taxes paid before June 30.

Assessor Bert Lilley informed the council that he would start assessing the village about the middle of June.

MADDEEN MURMURS

MADDEEN.—Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Finnigan are receiving congratulations on the birth of a daughter on Sunday, June 11 in a Calgary hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Eastrand

CROSSFIELD IN TABLOID

CROSSFIELD.—Mrs. Lawson of the general store was called to the funeral of her father who passed away in Spokane, Wash. Mrs. Lawson could not stay long and is back in her store. Our sympathy goes out to her in her sad loss.

Mrs. Hurt Sr., is waiting for a hospital bed and is in very poor health.

Mr. and Mrs. Alex Gordon returned on Saturday, June 10 after having spent a short trip in Vancouver where they attended the funeral of Mrs. Gordon's brother, the late Alex Morrison.

There were about a dozen ladies from the Madden WA visiting at the United Church manse on Wednesday, June 14, guests of Mrs. (Rev.) Anderson.

Sympathy is extended to Mrs. C. Stafford in the loss of a brother in the States.

The Borbridge family made a nice haul in fishing, the three families got 17 fish on Thursday of last week.

Mr. Claude Deeks of Airdrie spent a day with Lilleys on Wednesday last.

Joanne Copley, Beth Landymore and Birget Anderson wrote the second grade theory in music at Mount Royal College on Saturday, June 10.

Mrs. Adeline Stewart entertained the members of the Stork Bridge Club at two tables of bridge on Tuesday the 13th. Honore went to Ruth Sharp and Irene Wylie. A tasty lunch was served.

Mrs. Marjory Fox and Mrs. Pat Lilley were the last two hostesses to entertain in the Young Matrons Sewing Club. A nice time and tempting lunches were enjoyed in each home.

Don and Mrs. Cameron are visiting for a few days with their daughter Mrs. Margaret Vetter of the Mardon store.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Lee of the Home Cafe are sporting a brand new de luxe Oldsmobile. Mel Reid made the sale.

Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Bland are driving a new Pontiac.

Little Beverly Banta, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Banta is to be admitted to the sanatorium for treatment. Crossfield residents are full of sympathy for this family as Floyd Banta, the father, has been a patient in the San for some time.

We are pleased to note that Wilson Stafford and Mrs. Isabel Thompson are both back from the hospital.

Charlie Smart is a patient in a Calgary hospital and will more than likely have an operation on his leg. We wish him luck.

spent a few days at Elkton visiting relatives.

On Sunday last Madden defeated Doc Poind in hard ball with the reverse at soft ball between the same two teams.

Between a quarter and a half inch much needed rain fell in Madden district.

On Sunday, June 18, Rev. Anderson will christen Karen Lynn, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. Farquharson; Donald Maita, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. Aankow, and William Frederick, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. Baxter.

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Federal Aid For Flood Victims

A month after victims of the Manitoba flood left their homes and farms to desolation and ruin, the Federal government has come forward with a firm offer of 12½ millions of dollars to help offset the personal and individual losses suffered. Granted, that the flood was an "act of God," and that the Liberal administration in Ottawa was not in any way responsible for the catastrophe, this is a mighty long time for property owners to wait in anticipation of such assistance.

Floods in B.C. and Manitoba, drought in Saskatchewan, fires in Quebec—catastrophes on a major scale should be handled as national emergencies. Thank God, there is still no atom bomb war with Russia, but if war comes all the people of Canada will have to foot the bill for bomb damage to private property. Loss of a home in peace time is just as great a loss, individually speaking, if caused by fire or flood of major proportions and there should be some way for the Ottawa government to step in quickly in times of national emergency and let suffering Canadians know that all-Canada is backing them in their plight.

Exporting Alberta's Natural Gas

Alberta's Chamber of Commerce, meeting at Red Deer, last week turned down a proposal from the Edmonton and Jasper branches of the organization that the movement should launch a campaign to secure the northern, or Yellowhead route, for the gas pipe line to be constructed to the coast.

The Chamber refused to handle this touchy question on the grounds that as the southern sections of the province oppose the Yellowhead route, it would only create strife and sectionalism in the organization.

We're not particularly concerned with what route the chamber should, or should not back, but we would like to compliment them on this sensible move.

There's far too much home-town drum beating in the country, to the disadvantage of the province or nation as a whole.

Let a group of technical experts decide where the gas line should go. In this way the welfare of all Albertans will be best looked after, rather than having some section progress only to the disadvantages of others.

The Citizens Responsibility

There is a reason for the encouragement of farm co-operatives that is too often overlooked. Our free system of life calls for people to assume a responsibility for their own affairs to the best of their ability. This is the price of liberty.

The multiple partnership of the co-operative offers the means by which the individual can join with others in meeting this responsibility.

Alberta co-operative movements have taught responsibility to the directors, delegates and membership. They have provided farm people with an important place in the business life of this province. They have proved their value to agriculture.

New Northern Link

Another milestone in the progress of the north is the new radio telephone service being constructed to serve Redwater, Lac la Biche, Yellowknife and other northern points.

The system employs the utmost in scientific facilities, eliminating telephone lines by the procedure which operates on radio frequency and carries telephone messages.

With each passing month the north becomes more linked with the rest of Canada. Soon only an old-timer's memory will recall the "isolated north."

Common Sense In The Forest

From Calgary Albertan

Next week the Canadian Forestry Association begins its annual task of educating the people of the west to the shocking cost and needless waste of forest fire.

Travelling to some 130 communities—some of them so small they never otherwise see a motion picture—the association's "Conservation Caravan" will show films of Canada's forests, how they form so stable a part of our economy, and how quickly, easily—and needlessly—this priceless asset can be diminished.

They have sombre figures to impel them on this annual caravan. Eight of every 10 forest fires are attributable to human carelessness, they say. These fires are therefore preventable.

More and more people turn to forest areas as a vacation land. Lakes and waterways are the lure and nearby are the forests. This combination of standing timber and human penetration is what causes the association alarm.

The records don't lie. A car speeding through a national park, an open window, a cigarette butt flipped out to light where it may and the damage is done.

A day's fishing at a mountain stream, a campfire, hastily stamped out, but not quite, a sudden breeze, and more damage is done.

These are the human causes and it is to those who use the forests that Canadians look for the exercise of ordinary common sense. The resultant saving would be incalculable.

Note and Comment

It's easy to laugh at the ills of another but the humor ends when you have a pain in your insides.

Sometimes a revolutionary movement represents the desire to get something that cannot be gotten legally.

You can't make money without risking something but you won't make money every time you take a chance.

The Russians seem to be outclaiming the rest of the world but it has required lots of imagination in the Soviet.

Many highway fatalities can be avoided if motorists will be courteous in their driving and obedient to traffic signs.

Worry has never solved a problem and never will; so, if you are worrying, try doing something about your problem.

Scriptural Meditations

By AINSLEY BLAIR

We should not take the testimony of any man as to what the Scriptures teach, but should study the words of God for ourselves. If we allow others to do our thinking, we shall have crippled energies and contracted abilities. The noble powers of the mind may be so dwarfed by lack of exercise on themes worthy of their concentration as to lose their ability to grasp the deep meaning of the word of God. The mind will enlarge if it is employed in tracing out the relation of the subjects of the Bible, comparing scripture with scripture, and spiritual things with spiritual.

The Lighter Side

"You have no speedometer in your car?"

"No need—if I do forty the lamps on my car rattle—at fifty the whole car rattles—higher than that my teeth rattle."

Prisoner: "It is difficult to see how I can be a forger. Why, I can't sign my own name."

Judge: "You are not charged with signing your own name."

Captain Jevons (Introducing an acquaintance to his old aunt): "This is my old friend Jones. He lives on the Canary Islands."

"How interesting," murmured old auntie, and gathering all her wits she added, "Then, of course you sing."

"Come, come, Joan, surely you know if the world is round or square? . . . Mary, tell her."

"It's crooked, teacher," said Mary, darily.

Scotts Scrap Book



ADVENTURE IN ALBERTA

By EUSTACE REDDISH

Another oldtimer and one who has made Alberta's Peavine well known throughout the west by his sales of honey, alfalfa, clover and grass seeds is William E. Hallows who was born in India where his father was an officer in the British regular army, and as was customary with the children of army officers, he was sent to England to be educated.

His father wanted him to join the regular army but he decided to emigrate to Canada and to take up farming there. In England it was (and probably still is) the custom of some good farmers to take pupils and teach them farming—for a fee of course.

Mr. Hallows followed this English custom, and paid a good farmer near Brantford, Ont., a fee to teach his son how to farm. Canadian style. Billy quickly learned by working from early morning until late at night doing all the various jobs and chores that have to be done on a farm. Probably the farmer enjoyed teaching him, at any rate it was a novel experience to have a "fired man" who paid the farmer for the privilege of working for him.

Later Billy attended the Ontario Agricultural College at Guelph and while there he boarded with a family named Matthews. Some members of his family had homesteaded at Glenister, Alta., and so it happened that when in 1912 he joined the throng headed for the west he came to Glenister and located his homestead on the north shore of Chip Lake (now Lake Romeo) at Peavine.

He built his shack on a small promontory which became known locally as Rocky Point. Other places around the lake needed piers to enable people to get on

and off boats dry footed, but not Rocky Point. There one could always get in or out of his boat dry footed high or low the level of the lake might be.

Rocky Point was an ideal situation for a shack as, sticking out into the lake as it did, it caught every bit of breeze and so was usually relatively free of mosquitoes—a very important thing in those days as mosquitoes were always in countless myriads, always vicious and hungry and as it is only the female mosquitoes which bite, the males must have been well disciplined and taught to stay home and keep house while the females went hunting for no male mosquitoes were every encountered. We needed no convincing of the truth of the statement that "the female of the species is more deadly than the male."

Of course its ideal situation which enabled it to catch every vagrant summer breeze was against Rocky Point as a winter home as naturally it also caught all the winter breezes in full force. Though so easy of access by boat from the lake its landward approach was usually extremely difficult during the summer, being under water most of the time and one would frequently have to wade through from six inches to a foot of water to get from the shack on Rocky Point to the rest of the farm.

This of course was a great disadvantage to a man wanting to farm and so when Billy returned from World War I in 1919 with a wife they chose another site for their home. But during the years before he joined the 49th Battalion CEF, Rocky Point was our headquarters for many a fishing trip and we certainly had lots of fun there.

Letters to the Editor

Crime and Sex

Old Friends

Dear Sir—We are now faced with more sex crimes than ever, and something should be done about it. Courses in sex education should be urged in public schools.

It is much better to learn such matters from someone who knows, rather than pick it up off the streets and get the wrong ideas. Sex crimes should be rewritten by our legislators to make them more strict and definite. Let's have action.

Redwater

A. L. G.

Dear Sir—I am an old age pensioner in a nursing home, and am writing to see if you can locate some of my old friends for me.

I homesteaded near Hawif and Coal Valley years ago, and wonder if any of my old neighbors might read this:

Henry Leibung, A. Buckley, John Kennedy, R. V. Campbell, Chas. Huntzley, Jack Welch, Mr. Pearce, Mr. Nichol, and many others.

If some of them should read this, I wonder if they might drop me a line.

GEO. L. SIMPSON

Highgate, Ont.

Spotlight on . . .

ALBERTA

A News Section About Alberta People,
Week Ending June 24, 1950

SHAME OF ALBERTA

Royal Commission Should Investigate Fort Prison

Compiled by Staff Reporters

A Royal Commission is needed to investigate conditions at Fort Saskatchewan. That, in brief, is the findings of this newspaper in unearthing what promises to be one of the most explosive stories in Alberta's history.

In the 35 years in which Fort Saskatchewan has been operating, thousands of men and women have served terms of imprisonment behind its iron bars and concrete walls.

What effect has it had on them? What has been their attitude after being released from prison?

The attitude of most released prisoners is one of hate, lawlessness, and a burning desire to "get even" with society for what they consider an injustice. Injustice for being sent to jail? No, injustice in their treatment while there.

In 1948, a young Edmontonian, veteran of two and a half years service in the Royal Canadian Navy, was sentenced to an 18 month term in the Fort, after being found guilty of false pretences.

Signed Testimony

While at Fort Saskatchewan, his health was poor, being a man of slim stature (about five foot ten, 135 pounds), with poor teeth and eyesight.

Here is his testimony, as presented in a signed statement to this newspaper:

"... I was accused by Warden McLean of fomenting a riot at Fort Saskatchewan. This was not true. ... I was seized by McLean by the hair and hauled from a hallway into his office. I was given no opportunity to answer to the charges against me, despite the fact that British tradition demands that a person accused of a misdemeanor or crime shall be allowed an opportunity to testify in his own defence.

"McLean was using foul and filthy language, and jabbering in an almost unintelligible manner. Simultaneously a Mounted Policeman secured my hands behind my back with some sort of rope or belt.

"I was held in McLean's office for about ten minutes, during which time he continuously pulled my hair and clouted me. He appeared to be almost hysterical. When he was about played out he instructed Deputy Warden Holt to throw me into the condemned cell, referred to me as a bastard, and told Holt to take away my clothes, lock the door, throw the key away, and forget about me.

"I was taken to the condemned

cell ... a few minutes later Holt and some others returned, and took me back to McLean's office.

Living Hell

"... I was informed I had lost 30 days remission (good time), although I had not been informed of what charge I was guilty of, and had been given no opportunity to say anything in my defence.

"I was then returned to the condemned cell ... Deputy Warden Holt told me that I was going to be made to suffer, even if they had to kill me to do it.

"No blankets of any description were supplied me during the week I was kept in the death, or condemned cell. No water was supplied to me during the daytime, as the water is controlled from outside the cell, nor was it possible to flush the toilet during the daytime."

There, for all to see, is the signed testimony of one who endured over a year of living hell!

Awful Life

Inmates live in small cells, stiflingly hot in the summer, cold and practically unheated during the winter, sleep on straw cots, work in sub-zero weather in insufficient clothing, go without proper medical attention, and live on practically, and sometimes actually, rotten food.

New Appointment

In 1948, administration of the Fort was transferred from the Dept. of Public Works (where it never belonged) to the Attorney-General's Dept. A former RCMP

officer, E. E. Scott, who is a fine man dedicated to reform, was appointed inspector of jails for the province. Since Scott's appointment, minor improvements have been made at the Fort, but it still ranks as one of the nation's most productive criminal factories.

In the federal prisons (there are ones at New Westminster, Prince Albert and Stony Plain, Manitoba, in western Canada) a genuine attempt is being made to reform the people who fall prey to a life of crime. Notable success is being made. Not the least cause of this is that the greatest care is being taken in the appointment of guards. Moreover, federal penitentiary guards now undergo training at Ottawa, which is in sharp contrast to the method prevailing at Fort Saskatchewan, whereby men from the surrounding farms and only recruited for prison duty.

John Howard Society

The John Howard Society has been doing its level best to aid in the restoration to a law-abiding life the prisoners who leave the Fort. Yet they are sorely handicapped. In 1949 the Society was only able to extend \$3,000 in aid to released prisoners, and they deserve more public support.

Thousands of words have been written about the awful failure that has been made of the administration of Fort Saskatchewan.

The only thing that can ever correct this failure is a full-fledged investigation by a Royal Commission that will at last bring out for all Albertans to see, a true picture of conditions inside the Fort.

Another article on this subject will appear next week.

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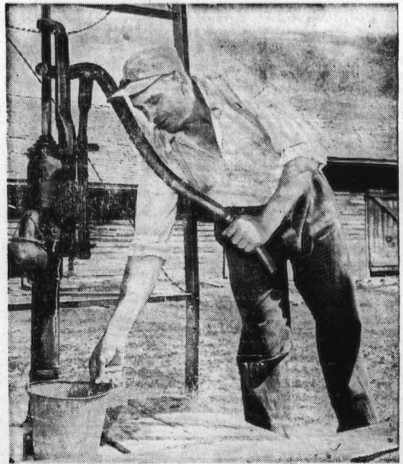
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Hunting Season Opens Sept. 15

The big game hunting season is scheduled to open Sept. 15 in Alberta and there is good news for hunters.

Provincial game branch authorities report a good supply of elk, deer and goats for the sportsmen to track down.

The season opens Sept. 15 for those with special permits to shoot in the remote areas of the Athabasca.

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10,000 Attend Elk Point Bridge Opening Day

By NANCY COFFORD

A large crowd, estimated in the thousands, attended the historic Elk Point bridge opening on Wednesday, June 1th.

Ferryman Ole Jacobson took the old ferry on its last trip carrying the Honourable D. B. MacMillan, minister of public works, across the river to do the honors, cut the ribbon and officially declare the new bridge open for use.

The mammoth parade which opened the well-planned program depicted the history of the west, with the costumed Indians, yokes of oxen, mules, wagons and buggies giving the realistic touch of the early days.

Two fat steers and a pig were barbecued and served free of charge to thousands of customers.

Shirley Gamble, talented young Mannville singer, took part in the grandstand performance, delighting the capacity audience with her rendition of "Bluebird of Happiness." Other items on the program included selections by the Vermilion boys' band and male choir, Dewberry pipe band, Saddle Lake Indian dances, Ukrainian folk dances, boxing and an outstanding acrobatic performance.

A magnificent fireworks display in the evening brought the day's program to a close.

Scientists have checked the relationship between a cricket's chirp and the temperature and the general rule is to count the number of chirps a cricket will make in 14 seconds and add 40—the result is supposed to approximate the temperature in Fahrenheit degrees. Warmth up to a certain degree—accelerates frequency of the chirps.

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Ontario Newspaperman Receives Award



Joseph T. Clark trophy, emblematic of best community newspaper in Ontario or Quebec, is presented to Charles Nolan of the Stouffville Tribune by Ken Walls of the Barrie Examiner. Mr. Nolan is publisher-editor.

ATA To Handle Salary Disputes

An estimated twenty salary disputes between Alberta teachers and the ATA are unable to reach a satisfactory agreement, the dispute is referred to conciliation.

A recent ruling under the Alberta labor act has simplified the procedure under which the ATA can officially represent the teachers in salary disputes.

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but that quite a number of negotiations between teacher representatives and school boards have resulted in deadlock. In cases where the local school boards and the ATA are unable to reach a satisfactory agreement, the dispute is referred to conciliation.

A recent ruling under the Alberta labor act has simplified the procedure under which the ATA can officially represent the teachers in salary disputes.

Some of the recent disputes that have been referred to conciliation are the school divisions of Stony Plain, Wetaakwin, Olds and Lethbridge, as well as the school boards at Jasper Place, Beverly, Bellevue and Edmonton.

It was announced recently that the provincial government has certificated the ATA as the bargaining agent for the teachers of Edmonton and Calgary.

Scientists are exploring the possibility that the moon may be responsible for earthquakes.

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

Prophets All Condemned Social Evils of Old

The book of Malachi consists of four short chapters, and it is the last voice in a long and distinguished line of prophets.

It was written probably about the middle of the fifth century B.C. and represented the last prophetic utterance prior to the coming of Christ.

We do not know anything about the writer, nor are we certain of his home. The name of the book in Hebrew means "my messenger," and it is not exactly certain whether or not this is the name of the author or whether the book was named thus because of the prominent passage in the first verse of chapter three. However, all other books of a similar character bear the names of their authors.

The book was written after the re-establishment of temple worship, following the return of the exiles from Babylon. The writer does not hesitate to condemn the practice of offering unworthy sacrifices to Jehovah. Nor does he fail to criticize the priests for their neglect in failing to follow the law of truth and genuinely represent Jehovah. Whereas, "the priest's lips should know knowledge," Malachi tells those of his day that "ye have caused many to stumble." Malachi also, was unsparing in his criticisms of the people for their social sins, charging them especially with robbing God in the matter of offerings and of shattering their homes by their infidelity to the old marriage customs of their race.

There are germs of great teachings in this short book. For example, he urges that they offer God "offerings in righteousness" rather than the formal offerings of an insincere ceremony, reminding the Jews that in ancient years such ceremonial pretences did not exist.

In another passage, showing an advanced conception of Jehovah is the confident and daring prophecy: "From the rising of the sun even unto the going down of the same, my name shall be great among the Gentiles." Malachi also recognizes

the common fatherhood of God, asking why should we deal treacherously against a brother.

The Jews were subject to a very definite and strict *ruḥin* regard to tithes, but one of the evils which Malachi denounced was the hypocrisy and deceit practiced in this matter. Speaking for God, he indicates his fellow citizens for robbing God by failing to offer the proper tithe and called upon them to prove God by accounting honestly in this matter of free will offerings.

Malachi tried to show that if the people wished to advance materially, they must first set themselves right spiritually. The four chapters in his book is perhaps the greatest passage in the Bible on the relation of national spirituality to national prosperity. One of God's greatest promises to his people is made in this book and he challenges his people to try his plan for prosperity. The only condition for the successful working of the plan is that the people prove their honesty toward God in the matter of tithes and offerings.

Some Christians try to excuse themselves from giving a tenth of their income by arguing that tithing is a requirement of the Old Testament and that Christians are not obliged to tithe.

Surely, a Christian owes far more to God because of the atonement of Christ than a Jew did because of a commandment of the law. When we realize the tremendous price which Jesus paid for our redemption and the obligation we assume when we accept that redemption from our sins, then a tenth is not too high a standard.

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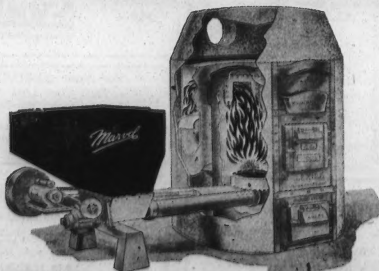
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LABOR AGE DROPPING

Later school-leaving ages, family bonuses, retirement plans and old age pensions have contributed to a reduction in Canada's working population.

This is the observation in the current Monthly Commercial Letter of The Canadian Bank of Commerce, which discusses trends within the working population over the past fifty years.

The letter point out that, as unemployment is widely used as a measure of business activity, it is important that the make-up of the Canadian labor force and its movements should be better understood. Motion is the chief characteristic of the labor force. Its composition changes—by age groups, occupational shifts from countryside to town, or from more settled areas to those where new resources are being developed.

The most striking occupational shift has been that from agriculture into manufacturing. Fifty years ago two out of five worked on farms and one in six in manufacturing; at the present time one in five is engaged in agriculture and one in four in manufacturing. Seasonal movements of farm workers cover a growing number of types of crop and the international exchange of seasonal farm labor is now common.

All these forces have produced an employment picture at the present time along the following lines: out of a total population of 9,879,000 citizens above the age of fourteen years, there are 5,108,000 either gainfully employed or seeking work; nearly four out of five of this group are male, and by far the largest age group (44 per cent) are in the 25-44 year bracket; over three out of five live in the more industrialized provinces of Ontario and Quebec; about one in five is normally engaged in agriculture; and almost a third are unskilled workers.

There is at present a tendency for the labor force, both in this country and in the U.S., to increase faster than new jobs become available. This is partly the result of the increase in output per worker, which is steadily rising owing to the huge capital investment of recent years in improved plant and equipment. If, therefore, the population continues to rise at its present rate, and if living standards are to be maintained, it is obvious that available jobs will also have to increase.

Current trends suggest the need for developing further investment opportunities and expanding our markets, both at home and abroad.

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Air Marshal W. A. Curtis, chief of the air staff, receives the King's Colors from the governor-general in the first ceremony of its type in the history of the RCAF. A huge Ottawa crowd watched the performance.

Survey Settles 'Mannville' Question

In case you're writing a letter down to Mannville, don't worry about the much-discussed proper spelling of word, because it's been finally settled by an economic survey of the town just completed by the provincial government.

And they've decided it's "Mannville."

According to the survey, which covers all features of the town and its history from the early days, the town was named after J. D. Mann, a contractor with the Canadian Northern Railway, now the C.N.R. Mannville was the site of the first district hospital in Alberta, opened in 1918. Dr. J. D. Heaslip, who was instrumental in establishing the hospital, is now superintendent of the General Hospital in Calgary.

The hamlet was incorporated as a village in 1906 with D. B. McLean as mayor and councillors W. M. McIntosh, J. B. Burch and W. Houston. Seven years before, the first settlers reached the district by ox team from Edmonton.

After nine years on the supreme court at an annual salary of \$25,000, the late Justice Frank Murphy left an estate in Washington of \$510.

Productivity Cuts Working Hours

The governing body of the International Labor Organization has requested the International Labor Office to prepare a report on the reduction of working hours as a consequence of rising labor productivity.

The report will be presented to the governing body's next session with a view to the possible inclusion of the question in the agenda of the general conference of the ILO in 1952.

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MONTREAL.—More Canadians have more money in the bank than ever before, and the average account is higher, it was stated this week by J. U. Boyer, president of The Canadian Bankers' Association.

Speaking at the annual meeting of the Association, Mr. Boyer detailed the growth of banking in recent years, particularly the growth of deposits and loans, and coupled with it a suggestion to Canadians to invest in the profitable development of the abundant resources and rich opportunities of Canada, and thus contribute to the national enrichment in the way of jobs and production.

The number of bank shareholders is on the increase, Mr. Boyer noted, going up from 50,000 before the war to 60,000 today. Dividends paid in 1949 averaged \$252 per shareholder. For every dollar paid in dividends in 1949, the banks paid \$6.30 in salaries and wages, 73 cents in contributions to staff pension funds, \$3.64 in interest to depositors and \$1.43 in taxes, including municipal.

Referring to job-creating investment opportunities in Canada, Mr. Boyer gave as an illustration the \$150,000,000 in venture capital being spent by 240 companies in oil development in western Canada, particularly Alberta, this year. Much of this risk money came from outside Canada and in its wake flowed jobs, people, new industries and the expansion of old industries. There will be \$125,000,000 in new buildings in Alberta this year, as a direct result of the oil development—stores, houses, churches, schools, all making jobs and production.

"In the new discoveries of oil in western Canada," Mr. Boyer continued, "the mineral finds of Chioungnan, the iron and titanium of Quebec and Labrador, in the

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FOUR CONVENTIONS PLANNED BY FUA DURING SUMMER MONTHS

Four FUA district conventions will be held in June and six in July, announces Carl J. Stimpfle, president of the Farmers' Union of Alberta. The conventions are attended by delegates from the locals situated within the areas concerned for the purpose of electing district officers and a district director who takes his place on the provincial board for one year.

First convention was held at Hanna on Wednesday, June 14th, with delegates from locals situated in district eleven attending. Present district director representing district eleven is J. Cameron of Youngstown.

The following week, conventions will be held at Olds June 23 for District 10; Stony Plain June 24 for district five and Ponoka June 26 for district nine. George Roth of Red Deer is director for district ten; C. D. Fuhr of Stony Plain for district five and H. Lemble of Lacombe for district nine.

July conventions are scheduled as follows: District seven, Wainwright, July 4; District eight, Camrose, July 5; District four, St. Paul, July 7; District six, Vegreville, July 15; B.C. Block, Dawson Creek, July 18th; District one, Grande Prairie, July 20, and district two, Peace River, July 22. Convention for district three is scheduled for August 5 at Athabasca and the conventions for district twelve is scheduled for the fall, date and place to be announced later. Mr. Stimpfle, FUA president and Mrs. R. E. Gunn, FWUA president, will be in attendance at all the conventions.

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Mr. Mueller was born on a farm near Hartford, Wisconsin. He came to Alberta in 1912, and in 1913 took the old Edson trail to the Peace River country where he homesteaded. He now farms two sections of land in the Spirit River district.

The new Pool director is reeve of Municipal District 133, vice-president of the Ryecroft Co-operative, chairman of the Spirit River provisional hospital board and a member of the town board of trade. He was a Pool delegate for twenty years.

New Approach In Federal Prisons

Today Canada's federal prisons are being run with an entirely new approach. In a full page story The Toronto Financial Post examines this new approach. Post writer Ronald Williams visited the Collins Bay penitentiary near Kingston and reports that punishment and the protection of society are still the primary purposes of our prisons but they are no longer the sole aims.

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BOOK PRAISES NEW CANADA

Canada offers an opportunity to its citizens second to no other country in the world, according to a booklet published this week by the Canadian Chamber of Commerce.

The booklet, entitled "Canada—Land of Hope," reviews the history of the country in general terms and predicts that Canada's best days are still before her. "Canada has not become great by chance," the publication comments, "but rather because there has been here created and nurtured an atmosphere in which the will and energy of peoples from many lands have been allowed full expression within the limits of the public welfare."

The booklet points to the new iron discoveries in Quebec and Labrador, to oil in Alberta, to Canadian achievement in the field of atomic research and to the initiative and industry of Canadian youth as evidence for an optimistic view of the Canadian future.

Former Czar Man Now At Thorhild

THORHILD.—Elmer Gunderson, formerly of Czar, has arrived in Thorhild to assume assistant management of the new modern theatre here. This booming farm community, which 30 years ago was only a one-building stop on the railway, now boasts one of the most modern theatres in the province.

Walter Bachynski is manager. Mr. Gunderson lived for quite some time at Provost, after leaving Czar. Mrs. Gunderson, and family of five girls will move to Thorhild in July.

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The third 1950 crop report of the Alberta Agriculture Department says that soil moisture conditions are good and recent rains have considerably improved crop prospects.

Wheat seeding is now completed and most of the coarse grains will be in the ground by next week. Crops are in fair condition despite the dry spell and prospects have improved in central and northern Alberta with the recent rains.

Height of wheat is from one to six inches and coarse grains are up to four inches. Around 50 per cent of the grass and legume crops have been sown, but insufficient surface moisture in the drier areas has caused delays in this operation.

Comparatively little damage has occurred to date other than extensive soil drifting. Slight wireworm activity is indicated in some areas and the sweet clover weevil is causing some concern. Grasshoppers have done little damage so far with everything in readiness for any outbreak that may occur. Speedy control of this situation is anticipated.

Condition of livestock is generally fair. Hay and pasture crops are poor to fair only but improvement is anticipated following recent rains.

Lack of rain and lower than average temperatures have resulted in slow pasture growth and a decrease in milk production.

New Basis For Wheat Purchases

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ANNOUNCEMENT

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ruddy of Crossfield announce the engagement of their second oldest daughter, Gladys Caroline, to Howard Allan Huddle, son of Mrs. Edith Huddle of Claresholm. The marriage to take place Saturday, July 8 at 2:30 p.m., in the United Church, Crossfield. PR-J-24

CARD OF THANKS

Mr. and Mrs. Buswell and family wish to thank their many friends and neighbors for all their kindness in their recent sad bereavement. —The Buswell Family. P-J-24

Stunt Campaigns In Church Scored

Dr. Thomas F. Torrance of Aberdeen, Scotland decries the "stunt performances" and "stunt campaigns" of the Christian church.

Dr. Torrance, who spent some time in China, likened some methods of the modern church to "the futile attempt of the Chinese people to bring rain by firing cannon into the air."

"In our day faith is so demure and tame it is as though we have taken Jesus and domesticated him, taken the power of the Christian Church and harnessed and enlaved it so that there and there only a few people are helped and blessed," he said.

"Again and again we ministers have been guilty of dastardly 'teachings.' How easy it is to use the words of the scripture such as balm and healing, comfort and peace, rather than fill the deepest need of mankind, which is to make peace with God."

Canadian Legion Holds Meeting

CROSSFIELD — A special meeting of the Crossfield Branch of the Canadian Legion BESL was held in the Memorial hall on June 15. This was an open meeting to discuss the matter of a clubroom in the basement, and the public had been invited to join in the discussion. Present were 22 members, four members of the hall board and 10 others.

President Walter Wilson opened the meeting in the usual manner, explained the purpose of the meeting and gave an outline of the offer of the hall board. Having heard of considerable opposition to this plan, this meeting had been called for the purpose of trying to find what the dissent was.

Some of the visitors expressed their opinion to the effect that no organization should be granted any special privileges in what was supposed to be a community centre. Several others concurred in this, but it was apparent that they did not know all the facts.

President Wilson explained further and Messrs G. R. Jones and T. Cumming of the hall board added their views on the matter.

Before the delegation left the meeting it was felt that the air had been cleared somewhat, leaving a better understanding on all sides.

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Police To Aid In Cavalcade To Calgary

CROSSFIELD.—The Crossfield and District Red Cross branches and auxiliaries will have ample police protection when they set out on their Red Cross Cavalcade June 28.

In order to assure proper traffic control and guidance, the RCMP will escort the Cavalcade from Crossfield to Calgary. With a patrol car at the head and one at the rear, and with both cars in communication with each other, the whole Cavalcade will be able to proceed as one massive unit.

When the cars reach the city limits they will be "escorted" by the city police. The Cavalcade will be organized into three groups and, under the control of the motorcycle constables, the groups will proceed to the New Crippled Children's Hospital, the present Crippled Children's Hospital and the Red Cross House and Blood Transfusion Depot. When each visit is completed the groups will all rotate.

The Cavalcade, the first one of its kind, will offer the opportunity of seeing at first hand what actually takes place after a Blood Donor Clinic has been held. Those attending will be guided through the laboratory and the details of processing the blood for transfusion.

Council Meetings

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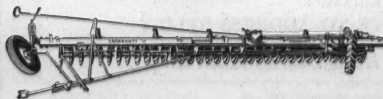
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sion to a patient will be explained. The Crossfield Branch invites everyone in the district to be in attendance. The Cavalcade forms up in the CPR grounds at 8:30 a.m.

Children Baptized By Rev. Anderson

CROSSFIELD.—Gerald Percy and Nell Doreen, children of Mr. and Mrs. Hobart Abra, were baptized at the home of their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Sid Willis, on June 8 by Rev. W. Anderson.

On Sunday afternoon, June 11, Rev. Anderson christened 11 more children and in the evening admitted 21 persons to membership in the United Church.

There was a very good attendance, 77 of which partook of holy communion. The Sunday School presented beautiful white bibles to

the girls and black zipped bibles to the boys of the Sunday School who joined the church that evening.

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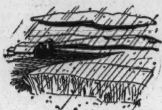
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